

In the Name of God

**Voluntarily Movements of University Student & Student for
Removing Deprivation**

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Summary:

- 1- This report has been prepared by Khajeh Nassireddin Toosi Public Organization in Iran; this organization has organized voluntarily groups of university student and student and dispatched them to deprived regions of Iran, from previous 12 years up to now, that in forms of civil, cultural, educational and medical camps represent different services to the deprived persons in Iran villages. The organization, under these activities, could construct and establish different schools, medical centers, sources for providing water and residential houses with direct participation of these volunteers.
- 2- This organization believes that expanding culture of voluntarily participation of university students and students for removing deprivation in Iran leads to create a national movement for rural development and removing effects of poverty and deprivation in these regions.
- 3- This organization believes that voluntarily movements of university students and students in order to remove deprivation are absolutely conforms to specifications of voluntarily activities from the global viewpoints. It means that these movements include four following specifications:

Specifications of voluntarily activities from the global viewpoints

- Voluntarily work is influenced strongly by history, politics, region and culture of a region.
- The activity, constitutionally, should not be performed for receiving bonus although compensation of expenses and some detailed payments is permissible.
- The activity should perform voluntarily and according to the person freely desire.
- The activity should be to advantage of a person except volunteer or to advantage of society.

Introduction of Organization:

4- Khajeh Nassireddin Toosi Public Organization was established in 1991 under title of Public Utility Institute and registered under no. 7839. This institute in its instruction, through installing and managing different educational and cultural centers like guidance school, high school, technical school, publications and remote education centers, acts about training and educating obliged and skilled students and university students.

According to this guide and in order to institutionalize culture of sacrifice and attention to homogenous among young generation, preparing appropriate environment for self-realization and improving mental and physical powers, introducing problems and shortages of deprived regions of the country to urbanized university student and student, cooperating with constructional affair in the country through voluntarily movements, holding camps between term of school and university are one of the important work syllabus of this institute. By holding these camps in addition to entelechy of intellectual purposes of the plan; many schools, residential constructions, medical centers, religious centers, resources for providing water were established by university students and students that are present in these programs. Khajeh Nassireddin Toosi Institute as one of the public organizations that are active in the field of removing deprivation believes that decreasing social class fission is one of its supreme purposes and also believes that training of students that are compassionate and sympathetic about their environment is stable strategy in order to remove deprivation.

Methodology:

5- Although voluntarily presentation of students and university students in the field of deprivation removal is a new field in Iran and there is no specific administrator in Iran up to recent years; therefore, information was collected through field research.

Record:

6- In the year 1978, after revolution of Iran and 8-year offensive war of Iraq against Iran, a wave of economic, social, educational and cultural shortages, problems and apprehensions merged Iran and specially deprived regions. And these problems and insufficiencies lead to autogenic movements from the people at that time in order to consider and put attention to persons with low income; in this case young people and generally persons who have financial and intellectual abilities to help to their compatriots, forming assistance teams for deprived regions that some of these teams faced to many problems because of lack of attention from Previous regime of Iran, refer continually and, meanwhile representing first necessities of life, help them in their daily affairs like harvesting agricultural products, animal husbandry and etc.

7- However, these movements were developed at first years of Iran Revolution increasingly and then some governmental organizations have been established for these movements that finally two organs in the body of government, as a ministry, plus one committee were stipulated as administrators for organizing public helps. Ministry of Construction Jihad and Assistance Committee are two organs for performing this deputy from first years of Iran Revolution up to now.

8- Although, gradually and through centralization of these organs participation of public groups become less but fro first years of revolution some educational centers in Iran near their main activity act about organizing student groups and dispatching them to deprived regions through 2 or 3-week camps.

Expressing Present Status:

9- Participation of high school students including girl and boy and also university students in construction and removing deprivation in the country that is titled as "Construction Camps" and it will be performed with following purposes:

- Introduction to problems of deprived regions and comprehending poverty and deprivation,
- making sacrificing morale and putting attention to homogenous in juvenile and young people,
- making and supporting morale of group work among participants,

- performing civil, cultural and hygienic services in deprived regions,
- making human and emotional relations among city and village dwellers.

These camps in addition to achieving to the said purposes have important role in creating social joy and freshness and also spending leisure times of juveniles and young people.

10- Participation of students in these voluntarily movements are free and according to religious and national benevolent purposes.

11- Construction camps have dramatic development from previous four years and according to financial and intellectual supports from governmental and non-governmental organizations and institutions so that, now more than 35 high schools, 47 universities and 90 public organizations are active in the field of organizing these movements in Iran continuously. Recently geographic divisions have been performed for some of these groups in order to make plan and conclude better than before and each group selects a small region like a village or a deprived district and as a purpose region represents services to that district continuously.

12- Important point in this subject is that number of applicants for participating in these programs often is more than capacity and ability of administrator organizations and these organizations are obliged to use some methods like balloting and electing preference between volunteers.

13- It is necessary to mention that another group of university students and students as Young Organization of Iran Red Crescent like volunteers of other countries perform different voluntarily activities in the Red Cross. But however area of their activities is unexpected activities and is different from deprivation removal; therefore, we did not describe these activities here.

Rules & Regulations:

14- No specific rules and regulations have been predicted for holding these camps up to 4 or 5 years ago and because of organizations benevolent purposes not only there is no governmental barrier for these activities but also governmental organizations helps to facilitate these programs. After crecive

briskness of these activities a new organization was established under title of "Construction Basij Organization" in order to organize and support voluntarily activities of young people.

15- Construction Basij Organization, meanwhile supporting public organizations related to this affair directly and indirectly, prepares fields of performing different civil, cultural, educational and servicing activities. Constructional projects related to school, medical center, residential construction, health center, library, religious places, parks and gardens, constructing small and big floodgates, repairing equipments of schools and painting, holding educational and cultural classes, holding hygienic and family planning courses and etc. are important projects that are determined by Construction Basij Organization and delivered to volunteers.

16- Although continual presentation of volunteers in these programs is increasing, so that according to official statistics of Iran Construction Basij Organization 3 million persons participated in this plan during the summer; therefore, recently the Islamic Consultative Assembly considers special budget for supporting these activities and some facilitating rules has been approved for cooperation of related institutions with active public organizations. Also, according to approval of the Islamic Consultative Assembly of Iran governmental systems are obliged to grant some part of their imminent projects to this organization.

Recommendations:

17- This organization believes that one of the strategies for removing deprivation is direct participation of people in construction and young people is the best group for creating this morale. Therefore, the United Nations Organization is recommended to cooperate directly with Iran, which is initiator in this affair, in order to develop this culture and propagate it to other countries within its branches.

18- Public organizations, that are active in this affair in other countries, are recommended to change communication network experiences among themselves.

Resources:

- 1- Iran Jihad Movements Charter – year of 2006
- 2- Approval affiliated by Islamic Consultative Assembly on 21 Jan. 2008
- 3- Internet site related to Construction Basij Org.
- 4- Articles of Association related to Khajeh Nassireddin Toosi Public Utility Institute.



